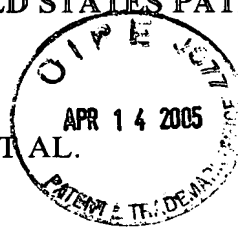


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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action mailed March 14, 2005. The Examiner has restricted the claims into two groups, Group I, claims 1-14, and Group II, claims 15-20. Applicants provisionally elect the Group 1 claims, claims 1-14 with traverse.

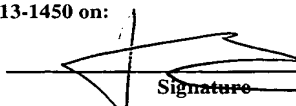
The Office indicates that the Group I and Group II are distinct because the product could be made by another and materially different process. Applicants respectfully disagree. These inventions are related as process of making and product made. The inventions are distinct if it can be shown that either or both (1) the process as claimed can be used to make other and materially different product, or (2) the product as claimed can be made by another and materially different process. That is not the case here. There is no language in either of these claims 1 or 15 to indicate that the product of claim 1 could be made by another and materially different process than that of claim 15. Furthermore, the Patent Office has failed

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to identify even one other or materially different process than that of claim 15 to make the product of claim 1.

Moreover, the Office's demand for restriction requirement is burdensome, not only of the Patent Office and the Applicant, but also the public. Applicant will be forced to expend considerable monies for filing and prosecuting at least one additional patent application. The Office will be burdened by multiple unnecessary applications and redundant repetition of work. The public will be generally burdened by having to consider multiple applications and patents where, in reality, the need for them does not exist. There is no need to restrict these claims.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the requirement for restriction be withdrawn, and an early action on the merits with respect to all the claims be issued.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this application is requested. If the Examiner notes any minor errors, he is invited to telephone the undersigned so that the matter can be promptly handled by Examiner's amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

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